

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

There is an urgent demand for more nurses for the European war.

Wouldn't it "Daze you" to see England seize that cotton ship of ours?

Hal S. Corbett is out for Commonwealth's Attorney in the Paducah district.

Bricks made of peat are being successfully used in Sweden for small buildings.

Miss Esther Cleveland is taking a course for trained nurses in New York and may go to Europe as a nurse.

May wheat brought \$1.65½ Tuesday, again smashing the record war prices. An increased urgency European demand was indicated.

The trial of Mayor Roberts in Terre Haute, who will be defended by Owsley Stanley, will be called at Indianapolis March 8, after the adjournment of Congress.

Charging the grand jury in the Butler circuit court, Judge McKenzie Moss demanded that a thorough probe be made of the many so-called "possum hunter" outrages in that county.

Postmaster W. J. Johnson was cited before Federal Judge Frank Youmans at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, on a charge of contempt of court because the judge held the federal building too cold for comfort.

A member of the Tennessee legislature has sued an editor for \$50,000 for "comments derogatory to his character."

"Things have come to a pretty pass when a man can't wallop his own member."

It looks now like Carranza is going to come out on top in Mexico. If it is not hard to predict what will happen to Gen. Santibanez, who executed his brother last week. Santibanez will probably hug the border.

Great Britain has notified the United States that foodstuffs of any kind destined for Germany, Austria or Turkey will be regarded as contraband of war. The order is based on the action of Germany in seizing all grain and storing it until May.

Union County has by a vote of the Fiscal Court applied to the State for aid from the road fund. Union pays \$5,000 into the fund and will get \$12,000 out of it and the county appropriates the same amount, making \$24,000 to be spent for permanent roads.

Italy is expected to declare war on Germany and Austria on the 15th of this month. An armed force of 1,500,000 men, it is said, will be thrown into the Tyrol, after which an advance will be made against Paola, with Trieste, the great American seaport, once Italy's, as the objective.

Nine Democrats voted Tuesday with the Republicans against the filling of the chair on the shipping bill in the senate. They were Bankhead, of Alabama; Camden, of Kentucky; Clarke, of Arkansas; Hardwick, of Georgia; Bryan, of Florida; Hitchcock, of Nebraska; O'Gorman, of New York; Smith, of Georgia; Vardaman, of Mississippi. The bolt came without notice and it was all the Democrats could do to secure an adjournment for a conference to try to patch up a compromise.

Paupers Elope.

L. C. Crabtree, 73, and Mrs. Carrie Cook, 35, inmates of the Graves county poor farm, eloped to Fulton, and were married. This is the second venture of the sort for Crabtree. While an inmate of the poor farm several years ago he eloped with a woman who also made her home there. She died only a short time ago.

LINKING THE COASTS

Remarkable Achievement in Scientific World Is Put in Operation.

A WONDER OF THE AGES.

Man Standing on Atlantic Coast Can Hear Conversation on Pacific Side.

Less than forty years ago Alexander Graham Bell, standing in a little attic at 5 Exeter Place, Boston, sent through a crude telephone, his own invention, the first spoken words ever carried over a wire, and the words were heard and understood by his associate, Thomas A. Watson, who was at the receiver in an adjacent room. On that day, March 10, 1876, the telephone was born, and the first message went over the only telephone line in the world—a line less than a hundred feet long. The world moves a long way ahead in the span of one man's life. On Monday afternoon, January 25, this same Alexander Graham Bell, sitting in the offices of the American Telephone & Telegraph company at New York, talked to this same Thomas A. Watson in San Francisco, over a wire stretching 3,400 miles across the continent and part of a system that includes 9,000,000 telephones, connected by 21,000,000 miles of wires.

In that same memorable year of 1876 Dom Pedro de Alcantara, emperor of Brazil, visiting the first telephone exhibition at our first great national show, the Philadelphia centennial, picked up the receiver, listened as Professor Bell talked at the other end of the room, and, amazed at the wonder of the thing, cried out: "My God, it speaks." Had Dom Pedro lived to see the Pan-American exposition he could have heard Professor Bell talking to him, not merely from the other end of a room, but from the other side of a continent.

The Pan-American exposition itself, planned to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal and the joining of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, will mark a still closer wedding of the east and west. When its gates are thrown open on February 20, San Francisco will not only be nearer to New York through a shortening of its water ways, but will be in constant and instantaneous touch with it through the medium of speech. It is a curious fact, too, that this second great feat of engineering, this other canal, this even more intimate connection between the two seaboards has been completed in the same year. Quietly, almost unnoticed, but steadily and bravely, while the gigantic steam shovels were cutting their way through the earth in the south, the engineers of sound and electricity were weaving their magic webs through the air and pushing on toward the Golden Gate. Their work has been less spectacular, it has excited little attention, but these men have met obstacles as hard to overcome as the Culebra slide, and they have conquered them. The long-dreamed-of transcontinental line is no longer a dream. New York can talk to San Francisco.

A DATE TO REMEMBER.

Monday, January 25, 1915, has taken its place among the momentous dates in the annals of science and human progress. On that day, in the presence of groups of prominent men on either coast, the transcontinental telephone wires were given their first public test, and the completion of the line was formally celebrated. Distinguished men in the offices of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in San Francisco conversed freely with distinguished men on the Atlantic seaboard, and one more great chapter in the history of telephony was finished as Bell, sitting in the offices of the American Telephone and Telegraph company in New York, talked to Watson across a continent.

There was no hitch in the pro-

HON. BARKSDALE HAMLETT FORMALLY ANNOUNCES FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF KENTUCKY:

I am today formally announcing for the Democratic nomination for the office of Secretary of State. I am serving my fourth year as Superintendent of Public Instruction. I am seeking the office of Secretary of State on the basis of endorsing my record as a state official. I have fulfilled every promise I made the people four years ago.

If given the party nomination, I shall stand on the platform adopted by the Democratic party. If elected, and serving as a member of the commission of the sinking fund I shall devote my best efforts toward efficient and faithful service on behalf of the people. I shall do likewise as a member of the state board of education, which is a function of the office of Secretary of State. I shall use my best endeavors to continue to promote the cause of education and devote my best efforts to the elimination of illiteracy in Kentucky.

If you endorse my record, I most earnestly ask for your support. The people elect their officials and I am glad in this state of the good old Democracy, to leave this matter en-



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tirely with the people whom I have served as best I could both as state official and as a private citizen.

BARKSDALE HAMLETT.

GERMAN BLEW UP BRIDGE

After Dynamiting Railway Structure Officer Flees Across Border.

ARRESTED IN VANCEBORO ME.

Claims He Committed Act of War and Cannot Be Surrendered.

Vanceboro, Me., Feb. 3.—Another international problem incident to the war was thrust upon the United States Tuesday by the action of Werner Van Horn who, operating on the Canadian side of the border, dynamited the railroad bridge over the St. Croix river, and then escaped into Maine.

A few hours later, in a room at a hotel here, Van Horn submitted to arrest, but immediately proclaimed himself an officer of the German army and set up the claim that he had committed an act of war, and, having fled to a neutral country, could not be surrendered legally to an enemy of the fatherland.

The Canadian authorities took a different view of the matter and immediately instituted proceedings to extradite the prisoner on a charge of destruction of railroad property. Pending the outcome of these efforts, Van Horn is held at the immigration office here in the custody of a deputy sheriff.

DID LITTLE DAMAGE.

The bridge which Van Horn sought to destroy was not greatly damaged.

gram, or any doubt as to the immediate success. Those who talked over the telephone did not raise their voices above the usual conversational pitch, and the replies came back from across the continent, clear and instantaneous. There was no more effort, delay or indistinctness than in talking across a table. Professor Bell says that he thought out the telephone in Salem. A fitting place for its conception—there is witchcraft in it, and the most blasé of business men in the offices of the American Telephone and Telegraph company on Monday felt something akin to uncanniness at the thought that his voice had gone across thirteen states, shot over prairies and through forests, hurtled through cities, climbed the Rockies, skimmed across the desert and reached the Pacific coast, and the answer had come back to him in an eye-wink.

TO WORK ON ROAD

Princeton Pike To Be Rebuilt and Extended Under State Law.

FISCAL COURT TAKES ACTION.

State and County To Join In Building 17 Miles of Pike.

The Fiscal Court at its meeting Tuesday adopted an important resolution asking for state aid under the new law, for the construction of a road 16 miles to the Caldwell county line on what is known as the Princeton road. The resolution declared the said road a state highway. It is already piked about 10 miles but the road is in bad repair. The proposition is to rebuild 10 miles and construct a new pike for the six miles from Bainbridge to the Caldwell county line.

Under the state aid law, the state will pay dollar for dollar, with the county. The cost is not known yet, but the county will pay half and the state the other half, out of the road fund.

Esq. J. F. Dixon and others, of Howell, filed a petition for a pike on the Howell road.

Miscellaneous claims amounting to about \$500 were allowed.

The tax supervisors were allowed \$180 for their work.

Fine Animal Found Dead.

Mr. R. H. McGaughey, of Newstead, had the misfortune to lose his fine young Oxford-Ashley, Poll Durham bull last Saturday. He was found dead in his stall. The animal was only about two years old and weighed 1700 pounds. He was purchased from Edwards Brothers, of Versailles, Ky., when six months old, for \$200. Mr. McGaughey attributes his death to the eating of smut on fodder or the bursting of a blood vessel. The animal was worth \$500.

For Relief of Poor.

Twenty thousand dollars is to be expended immediately in affording work on the streets of Louisville for the worthy unemployed of the city, and a committee of twenty-five has been named to outline further plans for the relief of the city's poor during the remainder of the present depressed condition of business.

GOOD ROADS MEETING

Will Be Held at The Court House Next Tuesday Morning.

SPLIT-LOG DRAG DISCUSSION

By a Number of Good Speakers Will Be a Feature.

The regular monthly meeting of the Christian County Good Roads Association will be held at the Court House next Tuesday, Feb. 9th, at 10 o'clock in the morning. President Holland Garnett announces that there will be a program of speeches by a number of enthusiastic advocates of good roads.

A discussion of the use of the split log drag will be one of the features and the movement to use these appliances is expected to be given more headway. The farmers and people generally are urged to attend this meeting.

PASSED AWAY IN 81ST YEAR

Mrs. Mariam A. Meacham Died Tuesday at Her Home at Gracey.

Mrs. Mariam Ada Meacham, widow of Rev. A. W. Meacham, died at Gracey Tuesday at noon, at the residence of her son, J. P. Meacham, with whom she made her home. She succumbed to the illness incident to extreme age. She was born at Bellevue, now Gracey, Ky., May 24, 1834, the oldest daughter of James Harvey Lander and his wife Frances Jones Lander. She was married Dec. 16, 1855, to Rev. A. W. Meacham, who died Dec. 11, 1902. Of six children born to them, five survive—Chas. M. Meacham, Mrs. T. E. Bartley and Lander Meacham of this city, J. P. Meacham, of Gracey and Mrs. T. J. Baynham, of Edgemoor. She leaves one brother, J. W. Lander, of this city, and three sisters who live in other states.

Mrs. Meacham was for nearly seventy years a member of the West Union Baptist church, being probably the oldest member of the church, of which her husband was pastor for nearly 30 years.

Funeral services were held at the residence yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. I. N. Strother, of Nashville, her former pastor. The interment was at Riverside Cemetery following the arrival of the 3:20 train from Gracey.

Trial Started.

Pikeville, Ky., Feb. 3.—Trial of 100 voters charged with bribery alleged to have been committed at the November election was begun here Monday. More than 2,000 indictments were returned in Eastern Kentucky against persons alleged to have purchased and cast fraudulent votes. Today's trial was a continuation of cases already disposed of.

Altitude in Henderson.

The Gleaner has compiled some data on altitude in Henderson county. The highest point in the county is 550 feet above level at Ridgway, and the lowest is 360 at Hambleton's ferry. Henderson City is 401.

Leaves Five Minutes Earlier.

Train No. 51 on the L. & N. now arrives five minutes earlier, the time having been changed from 5:32 to 5:27. Better paste this in your hat, as you may get left some time.

Virginia Girl.

A young woman registered as Evelyn Gray in a Cincinnati hotel and abandoned a three-months-old baby, has been identified as Evelyn Graham, a stenographer of Cadet, Va.

Tennessee has 15,700 registered automobiles.

GERMANS TAKE OFFENSIVE IN EAST, WEST

Desperate Efforts To Break Long Deadlock Fail, Allies Assert.

EFFORT MADE TO CROSS YSER.

Italy Calls Reservists in England Home to Join the Colors.

London, Feb. 3. The Germans have been making desperate efforts the last few days to break the extended deadlock on the eastern and western fronts.

In these attacks, according to British and French official reports, the Germans have suffered severe losses.

The German artillery has subjected the Belgian positions in Flanders to a severe bombardment which suggests that the moment has arrived for another effort to get across the Yser, and thence to the French coast ports.

In return, the French have bombarded the railway station at Noyon, one of the German military centers behind their advanced lines.

Heavy attacks have been made against the Russian lines in Central Poland. Faced by flanking movements, both north and south, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, made a desperate effort, which apparently is to be renewed, to break through to Warsaw, and thus not only gain a great military and political advantage for Germany, but at the same time release the pressure on Hungary and East Prussia, in each of which regions the Russian troops are slowly pushing forward.

The fighting west and southwest of the Polish capital has been of a desperate character and the Germans at first were successful, but the Russian official report declares that the Russians, by a counter attack, regained most of the lost ground. The report adds that the German losses were "colossal."

The German official account simply says of the fighting there: "We are making progress."

A German submarine was still at large in the English channel yesterday, and the French officially report an attempt to torpedo the British hospital ship Asturias. The German submarine U-21, which recently sank three steamers in the Irish sea, has not been seen since Sunday, and it is presumed she has withdrawn. Traffic in these waters, however, continues somewhat restricted, ship owners preferring to keep in port but the fast steamers, which it is believed, can elude the submarines.

The Germans have issued a warning that an attempt will be made to sink British transports, and have advised neutral shipping to keep away from the north and west coasts of France.

Reports reaching Holland say the new bread regulations in Germany have caused so much unrest that 12,000 special constables have been appointed to guard Berlin bakeries. It is also said that following the action of the government in commandeering cereals, the military authorities are confiscating all utensils containing metals useful for their purpose. It is recognized that these are precautionary measures and are not due to any immediate shortage.

Copenhagen newspapers have a Constantinople report that the Anglo-French fleet has destroyed four Dardanelles forts and that there is a panic in the Turkish capital, where defeats suffered by the Turks in the Caucasus and Azerbaijan are just becoming known.

An indication of possible action by Italy is to be found in a notification issued to Italian reservists in England to prepare to join the colors.

Hurons, which average only four pounds in weight, often have been known to eat more than three pounds of fish at a meal.